

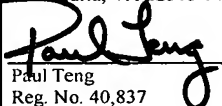


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Pursuant to the applicant's duty of disclosure, the information listed in the attached Form PTO-1449 is brought to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the references listed in the annexed Form PTO-1449 are enclosed herewith.

It is respectfully requested that the information cited in annexed Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner in connection with the above-identified patent application, and that such art be made of record in said application.

The items listed in the annexed Form PTO-1449 were cited in official actions issued March 16, 2004, May 25, 2004, and September 21, 2004, respectively, by the Japanese Patent

Office in connection with Japanese application no. JP 2002-266064 which corresponds to the above identified U.S. application. Copies of the Japanese official actions are also enclosed herewith.

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A first Office Action has not been received in connection with the subject application. Accordingly, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), Applicant believes that the present Information Disclosure Statement is timely filed and no fee or certification is due or required.

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Respectfully submitted,

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